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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-17.

Please add the following new Claims 18-36.

18. (New) A method for inactivating detrimental substances in a process liquid comprising said detrimental substances, suspended material, and metal ions comprising hydroxide builders, said method comprising:

adding to the process liquid carbon dioxide in an amount sufficient to:

primarily form bicarbonate ions (HCO_3^-) having a pH-buffering effect;